

SLOAN CONFERENCE LOOKS AT WORKING FAMILIES OVERSEAS



Researchers and policymakers from the United States and abroad met in Chicago in May to discuss how the needs of working families mesh with workplace flexibility practices around the world. The meeting was hosted by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the University of Chicago Sloan Center on Parents, Children, and Work.

The conference, titled “Why Workplace Flexibility Matters: A Global Perspective,” focused on research done in a global context. This year’s conference had a slightly different format from previous years, with speakers from Europe, Australia, and Japan. Formerly, Sloan conferences have examined research done by faculty and students at Sloan-funded working-family centers at U.S. universities. Most of the research focuses on the lives of working families in the United States.

Emory University’s Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life (MARIAL) is a Sloan-funded center. Others include the UCLA Center on Everyday Lives of Families, the University of Michigan Center for the Ethnography of Everyday Life, the MIT Workplace Center, the Cornell Employment and Family Careers Institute, and the Boston College Sloan Work and Family Research Network.

The Chicago Sloan Center works with the National Opinion Research Center, an affiliate of the University of Chicago. Faculty from psychology, sociology, economics, child development, human development, and public policy are collaborating on this work. The Chicago Sloan Center is directed by Barbara Schneider and Linda Waite, whose research expertise explores family, marriage, adolescents, and education issues.

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